



MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
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**MINUTES
of the
GOVERNING BOARD
of the
MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

March 3, 2004

I. Call to Order.

The special meeting of the Governing Board of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority was called to order by Chairperson Michael Berger, at 3:22 p.m. on March 3, 2004 at the Conejo Recreation and Park District, 403 West Hillcrest Drive, Thousand Oaks.

II. Roll Call.

The roll was called and the following members were present: Ed Hayduk, Jerome C. Daniel, George Lange, Vice Chair, and Michael Berger, Chair. Quorum present.

Staff present: Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Officer; Rorie Skei, Chief Deputy Executive Officer; Laurie Collins, Chief Staff Counsel; Paul Edelman, Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning; Walt Young, Chief Ranger and Chief of Operations; Tim Miller, Chief of Construction; Amy Lethbridge, Deputy Executive Officer for Education, Interpretation, and Urban Programs, Dash Stolarz, Director of Public Affairs, Robert Leahy, Finance Director, Cara McLane, Deputy Chief of Natural Resources and Planning, and James Yeramian, Board Secretary.

III. Public testimony on all agenda items and public comment on matters not on the agenda.

No public testimony was given.

IV. Reports from Staff.

The Authority received a verbal report from the Chief Ranger and Chief of Operations.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by the Chief Ranger and Chief of Operations.

The Authority received a verbal report from the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

The Authority received a verbal report from the Deputy Executive Officer for Education, Interpretation, and Urban Programs.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hayduk.

Comments were made by the Chief Ranger and Chief of Operations, the Executive Officer, and the Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

The Authority received a verbal report from the Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief Deputy Executive Officer and the Director of Public Affairs.

The Authority received a verbal report from the Chief of Construction.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief of Construction and the Executive Officer.

The Authority received a verbal report from the Executive Officer.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer.

V. Consent Calendar:

- (a) Consideration of resolution accepting the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority warrant disbursements for January 2004.**
- (b) Consideration of resolution accepting the following offers to dedicate open space easements: (a) Bird / P-5-84-694 located on Fernwood Pacific Drive, west of Topanga Canyon Boulevard, unincorporated Los Angeles County; (b) State Coastal Conservancy / P-5-87-753 located on Navajo Trail in the Malibu Lake area, unincorporated Los Angeles County; (c) Bird / P-5-83-043 located on Hillside Drive, west of Topanga Canyon Boulevard, unincorporated Los Angeles County; (d) Bird / P-5-**

83-043 located between Coolhill and Deepcliff Trails, west of Topanga Canyon Boulevard, unincorporated Los Angeles County, and (e) State Coastal Conservancy / P-5-83-043 located throughout the Malibu Lake Small lot subdivision, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

- (c) **Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Los Angeles on Tentative Tract No. 60222 along Bell Creek, related Mitigated Negative Declaration, and proposed Zone Change, Canoga Park.**

Item V(c) was removed from the agenda.

On motion of Mr. Hayduk, duly seconded, Resolution Nos. 04-16 and 04-17 were unanimously adopted.

The Chair noted that item XXI would be considered next.

XXI. Consideration of resolution authorizing an extension and augmentation of the agreement with C.M. de Crinis & Co., Inc.

The Director of Public Affairs presented the staff report on this item.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Director of Public Affairs.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, Resolution No. 04-24 was unanimously adopted

VI. Consideration of resolution changing the time and location for regular meetings of the Authority pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer, the Chair and Mr. Daniel.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hayduk.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Hayduk, duly seconded, Resolution No. 04-19 was unanimously adopted as amended.

VII. Consideration of resolution authorizing an amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority regarding operations and management of Conservancy properties and exchange of services, equipment, and office facilities.

The Executive Officer presented the staff report for this item.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hayduk.

Comments were made by the Executive Director.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer and the Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 04-20 was unanimously adopted as amended.

VIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of a donation of a less than one acre parcel (APN 5565-027-013) in Laurel Canyon, Los Angeles.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 04-21 was unanimously adopted.

IX. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of an approximately 14-acre dedication from Tentative Tract No. 53921 at the southern edge of Antelope Valley and authorizing acceptance of maintenance funding, Palmdale.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hayduk.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

On motion of Mr. Hayduk, duly seconded, Resolution No. 04-22 was unanimously adopted.

X. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of an approximately 79-acre open space dedication and related conservation easements from Tentative Tract No. 52805 located on the southern face of Ladyface Mountain in upper Triunfo Canyon, unincorporated Los Angeles County.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hayduk.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning.

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, Resolution No. 04-23 was unanimously adopted.

- XI. Consideration of resolution authorizing the use of funds from the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation District No. 1 to acquire APNs 2428-027-022, 4371-019-019, 4371-040-014, 4371-041-013, 4371-042-011, 4383-026-011, 5567-022-029, and 5577-031-001, 003, including the reimbursement of private parties contributing to the acquisition of said parcels, Los Angeles.**

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 04-24 was unanimously adopted.

- XII. Consideration of resolution authorizing the use of funds from the Santa Monica Mountains Open Space Preservation District No. 2 to acquire an approximately 2-acre fee simple portion of APN 2285-012-019, 15999 High Knoll Road, Encino.**

On motion of Mr. Hayduk, duly seconded, Resolution No. 04-25 was unanimously adopted.

- XIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of development-related donations and in-lieu mitigation fees up to \$1,000,000 for habitat restoration and land acquisition purposes.**

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hayduk.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer and the Deputy Director for Natural Resources and Planning.

On motion of Mr. Hayduk, duly seconded, Resolution No. 04-26 was unanimously adopted.

- XIV. Consideration of adoption of Ordinance No. 01-2003 (a) as amended regarding park rules and regulations, waive first reading and introduce Ordinance No. 01-2003 (a), "An Ordinance of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority amending the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority Ordinance establishing park rules and regulations, and prescribing the punishment for violations thereof."**

This item was postponed to another date.

XV. Consideration of resolution approving the expansion of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority parking fee program at various park locations.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hayduk.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, Resolution No. 04-28 was unanimously adopted.

XVI. Consideration of resolution augmenting Grant No. MRCA-225-03 to the California Institute of Public Affairs.

The Executive Officer presented the staff report for this item.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 04-29 was unanimously adopted.

XVII. Consideration of resolution authorizing entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works regarding cooperation and exchange of funds on the Tujunga Wash Stream restoration project, Los Angeles.

The Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning presented the staff report for this item.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hayduk.

Comments were made by the Deputy Director of Natural Resources and Planning, the Deputy Chief of Natural Resources and Planning, and the Chief Deputy Executive Officer.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Executive Officer.

On motion of Mr. Hayduk, duly seconded, Resolution No. 04-30 was unanimously adopted.

XVIII. Consideration of resolution authorizing transfer of an approximately one acre portion of APNs 5549-001-002 and 2428-028-013 to a nonprofit organization for future sale and authorizing acceptance of said proceeds and payments to said organization, Cahuenga Pass, Los Angeles.

The Chief Staff Counsel presented the staff report for this item.

Questions were propounded by the Chair.

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Hayduk.

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel and the Executive Officer.

Questions were propounded by Mr. Daniel.

Comments were made by the Chief Staff Counsel.

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, Resolution No. 04-31 was unanimously adopted.

XIX. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of an approximately 35-acre dedication in Soledad Canyon (APNs 3208-045-206, and 207-212) and related maintenance funding, Acton.

On motion of Mr. Daniel, duly seconded, Resolution No. 04-32 was unanimously adopted.

XX. Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of funds to create a habitat study in the Puente-Chino Hills Wildlife Corridor, unincorporated Los Angeles and Orange counties.

The Executive Officer presented the staff report for this item.

On motion of Mr. Lange, duly seconded, Resolution No. 04-33 was unanimously adopted.

XXII. Statements, questions, and directions to staff pursuant to Government Code § 54954.2(a).

Comments were made by the Chair, Mr. Hayduk, and the Executive Officer.

XXIII. Closed Session.

The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority may hold a closed session on the following items pursuant to Government Code §§ 54956.8 and 54956.9. Confidential memoranda related to these items may be considered during such closed session discussions. Conference with legal counsel. Number of cases: 1.

(1) *City of Malibu v. Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.*

No closed session was held.

XXIV. Announcement of future meetings and adjournment.

The Chair announced that the next meeting would be held on April 7, 2004.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 5:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved:

Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP
Executive Officer

Michael Berger
Chair